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1. APRIL, 1979 IS A VERY LONG WAY AWAY, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO COMMENT AT THIS TIME ABOUT NEW DATES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA IOGA. TRADE MISSION SCHEDULE CHANGES COULD COMPLICATE MATTERS, BUT AT THE MOMENT APRIL 8-28 PERIOD SEEMS ACCEPTABLE.

2. IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION WILL BE ALREADY EXISTING TIES BETWEEN KUWAIT AND SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH KUWAITI INVESTMENT IN KIAWEH ISLAND, PREVIOUS VISIT BY SOUTH CAROLINA TRADE MISSION TO KUWAIT, VISIT OF FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND ATEEQI'S INVIATION TO GOVERNOR EDWARDS TO VISIT KUWAIT (REF B). UNCLASSIFIED

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3. CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN EMBASSY, IOGA MISSION ORGANIZERS AND KUWAIT FINANCE MINISTRY WILL BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT IMPORTANT DETAILS ARE TENDED TO. MAN WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN KEY CONTACT IN FINANCE MINISTRY FOR VISIT, FAISAL JAAFAR, SON OF KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TO U.S., HAS RESIGNED AS FINANCE MINISTER'S OFFICE DIRECTOR TO GO INTO PRIVATE

BUSINESS. HIS SUCCESSOR, MUSAED AL-HAMAD, DID NOT KNOW OF PROPOSED SOUTH CAROLINA MISSION, NOR OF ITS POSTPONEMENT. AS TIME FOR IOGA DRAWS NEAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPT. CAN PROVIDE REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS MADE DIRECTLY BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA AND KUWAIT EMBASSY WASHINGTON REGARDING IOGA.

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